

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of Friday, February 27, 2015

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) met as noticed. Present were Chairperson Montgomery, Commissioner Callisto and Commissioner Nowak.

Minutes

The Commission approved the minutes of the open meeting of Thursday, February 12, 2015.

137-CE-175 – Application of American Transmission Company LLC to Construct a New 69 kV Transmission Line from the Mackford Prairie Substation, Town of Mackford, Green Lake County, Wisconsin, to the Fairwater Substation in the Village of Fairwater, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, and to Rebuild, Reconfigure, and Retire Associated 69 kV Facilities in Several Towns and the City of Markesan, Green Lake County. and Various Towns and the City of Ripon, in Fond du Lac County (known as the Y26 69 kV Reconfiguration Project)

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

627-CW-103 – Application of Bluffview Sanitary District, Sauk County, Wisconsin, to Install Replacement Water Meters

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

1125-RW-161 – Tolls to be Charged by the Chippewa and Flambeau Improvement Company for the Six-Month Period Ending December 31, 2014

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

2790-CW-101 – Application of Juneau Utility Commission, Dodge County, Wisconsin, to Construct an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) System

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

3280-CW-118 – Application of Madison Water Utility, Dane County, Wisconsin, to Replace the Lake View Reservoir No. 113

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

4410-CW-108 – Application of Onalaska Municipal Water Utility, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, for Authority to Demolish the Well No. 9 Building and Reconstruct it with Iron and Manganese Removal Facilities

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

4620-CW-104 – Application of the Village of Pewaukee Water Utility, Waukesha County, to Construct a Radium Removal Facility at Well No. 5

This item was laid over at the request of the Commission.

6650-CG-244 – Application of Wisconsin Gas LLC, as a Gas Public Utility, for Authority to Install a Natural Gas High Pressure Main Replacement Project in the City of Wisconsin Rapids, Town of Sigel, and Town of Seneca, Wood County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

6690-EA-176 – Application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for Authority to Remove an Overhead Electric Line Located at 2953 State Highway 64 in the Town of Pine River, Lincoln County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

6690-EA-177 – Application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for Authority to Remove an Overhead Electric Line Located in the Town of Pensaukee, Oconto County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

6690-SB-138 – Application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for Authority to Implement a \$135,000,000 Five-Year Credit Facility

The Commission approved the Notice of Investigation and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

920-WR-103 – Application of Cambridge Municipal Water Utility, Dane and Jefferson Counties, Wisconsin, for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

1880-TE-101 – Application of City of Evansville Water and Light, Rock County, Wisconsin, as an Electric Public Utility, for Tariff Changes Related to Deferred Payment Agreements

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

1880-TW-100 – Application of City of Evansville Water and Light, Rock County, Wisconsin, as a Water Public Utility, for Tariff Changes Related to Deferred Payment Agreements

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

2080-WR-103 – Application of Fox Lake Water Utility, Dodge County, Wisconsin, for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

2260-WR-104 – Application of Glendale Water Utility, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

2750-TE-100 – Application of Jefferson Water and Electric Department, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, as an Electric Public Utility, for Tariff Changes Related to Deferred Payment Agreements

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

2750-TW-100 – Application of Jefferson Water and Electric Department, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, as a Public Water Utility, for Tariff Changes Related to Deferred Payment Agreements

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

5350-TE-100 – Application of Shawano Municipal Utilities, Shawano County, Wisconsin, for Tariff Changes Related to Deferred Payment Agreements

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

5365-TW-100 – Application of City of Shawano Water & Sewer Utility, Shawano County, Wisconsin, for Tariff Changes Related to Deferred Payment Agreements

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

4220-GF-115 – Application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin for a Gas Risk Management Program

The Commission approved the Order to Reopen and Request for Comments and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

4220-SB-134 – Application of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin for Authority to Issue and Sell Up to \$150,000,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of Long Term Debt Securities

The Commission determined that it would accept the proposed changes to the Certificate of Authority and Order on pages 5 and 10 submitted on behalf of Northern States Power Company-Wisconsin.

The Commission modified and approved the Certificate of Authority and Order and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

1-AC-227 – Retention of Meters and Meter Reading Records

The Commission approved a revised draft order adopting proposed rules and the associated report to the Legislature concerning the preservation of records, retention of meters only after customer-requested tests, referee tests, or while a dispute is pending, and directed Commission staff to make the necessary filings. If the legislative committees do not request changes to the revised rule, Commission staff is directed to change the title of the order to indicate that it is the adoption of the final rule and to make the additional required filings without further Commission action.

Commissioner Callisto abstained on the vote.

5-GF-104 – Administration of the Universal Service Fund

Appointments to the Universal Service Fund Council

The Commission approved the appointment of Brad Dodson of ClearSounds Communications, Inc., to the Universal Service Fund Council (USFC).

The Commission further approved the reappointments of Jim Costello of Lemonweir Valley Telephone Company and Bob Jones of the Wisconsin Community Action Program Association to the USFC.

The Commission directed staff to draft an order to be signed by the Secretary to the Commission to establish the new USFC member roster to include the new and updated appointments and to draft and send letters to inform each of the appointees.

6630-GF-137 – Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company to Defer the Wisconsin Portion of Incremental Revenues and Fuel and Transmission Expense to be Received from Tilden Mining Company L.C. and Empire Iron Mining Partnership

The Commission directed Wisconsin Electric Power Company to defer the Wisconsin portion of incremental revenues and fuel and transmission expenses to be received from Tilden Mining Company L.C. and Empire Iron Mining Partnership, with carrying costs at the weighted cost of capital.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its decision.

CLOSED SESSION – The Commission recessed the open meeting, went into closed session under Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) to discuss the litigation matters noted below with legal counsel, and reconvened the open meeting pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(2).

Commissioner Callisto moved, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g), that the Commission convene in closed session to discuss the litigation matters listed below. Commissioner Nowak seconded the motion. The motion was carried and the Commission went into closed session.

After a discussion in closed session, the Commission reconvened in open session.

FERC Docket Nos. EL14-34-001, ER14-1242-002, ER14-1242-003, ER14-1243-002, ER14-1243-004, ER14-1243-005 – Public Service Commission of Wisconsin v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

During the discussion held in closed session, information was presented to the Commission regarding the above litigation matters. No motion was made with respect to this item.

FERC Docket Nos. ER14-1724-001, ER14-1724-002, ER14-1725-001, ER14-1725-002, ER14-2176-001, ER14-2176-002, ER14-2180-001, ER14-2180-002, ER14-2860-001, ER14-2862-001, ER14-2952-000, ER14-2952-001 – Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

During the discussion held in closed session, information was presented to the Commission regarding the above litigation matters. No motion was made with respect to this item.

FERC Docket No. EL15-7-000 – Michigan Public Service Commission v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.

Order on Rehearing, Accepting Compliance Filings, Rejecting Compliance Filings and Requiring Further Compliance, and Dismissing Complaint

During the discussion held in closed session, information was presented to the Commission regarding the above litigation matter. No motion was made with respect to this item.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Sandra J. Paske
Secretary to the Commission